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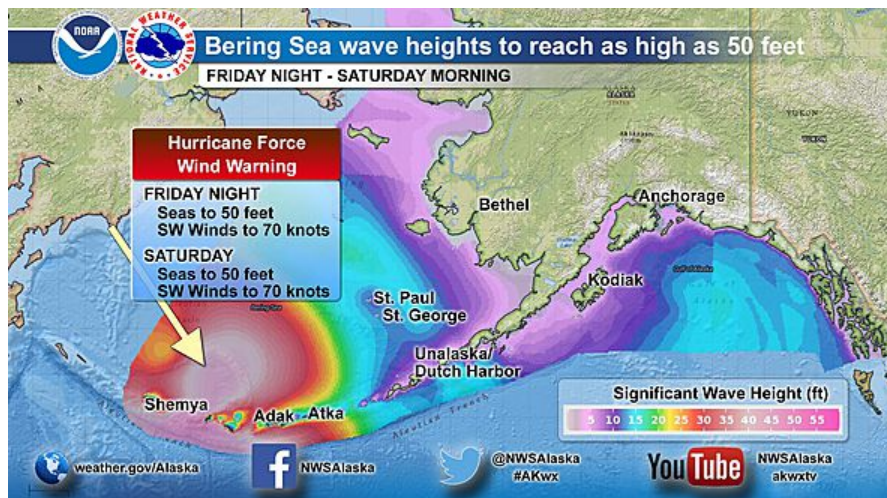
Jesse Ferrell

Strongest Storm in the World to Approach Alaska

November 6, 2014; 3:17 PM ET

UPDATE 11/8: The storm has now officially set a record. See details and more maps [on my new blog entry](#).

UPDATE 11/7: Thanks for all the comments. I wanted to apologize for not talking more about the storm's impacts on Alaska. I went into weather geek mode yesterday and was really only looking at the statistics on the storm at sea. You can find out the effects on Alaskan soil [in our news story about the storm](#) and [from the National Weather Service in Alaska](#), which has a new map showing 50-foot waves offshore, and says this morning:



"You've probably heard the news, this storm could break the 1977 record for the lowest atmospheric pressure recorded in Alaska, which was 925 mb measured in Dutch Harbor. It will be close. But of greater importance is where the impacts of this storm will and will NOT be felt..."

Another model prediction shows [waves to 55 feet](#). There are [a few buoys in the path of the storm](#) but they aren't showing anything interesting yet. The storm has also managed to get itself into our "World Weather Hotspot" graphic today:

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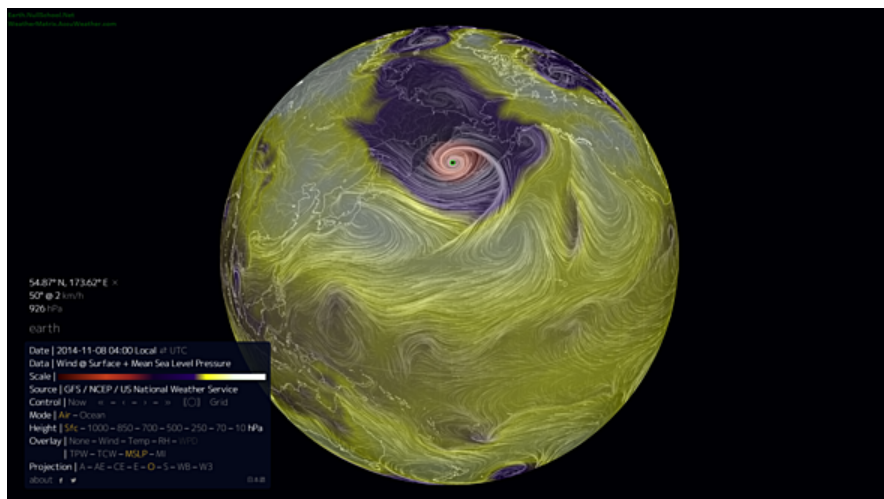
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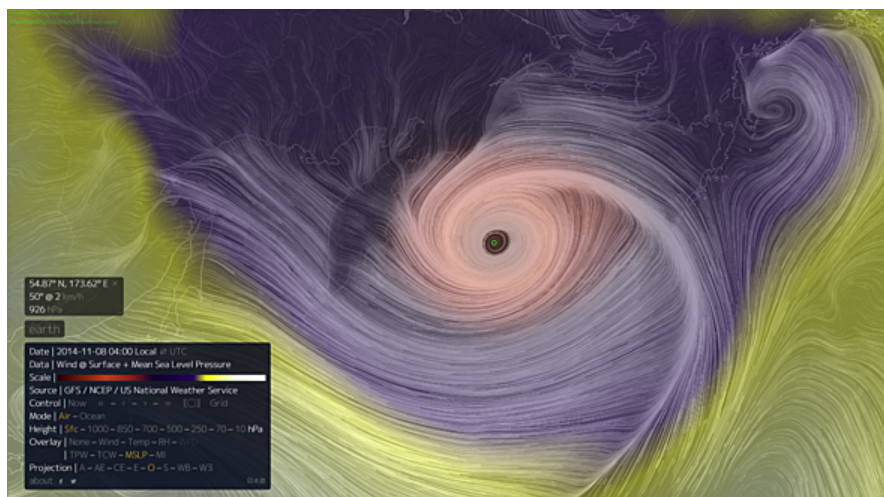


ORIGINAL REPORT 11/6: Take a look at this map. It shows a huge storm. Is this Jupiter's "red spot?"



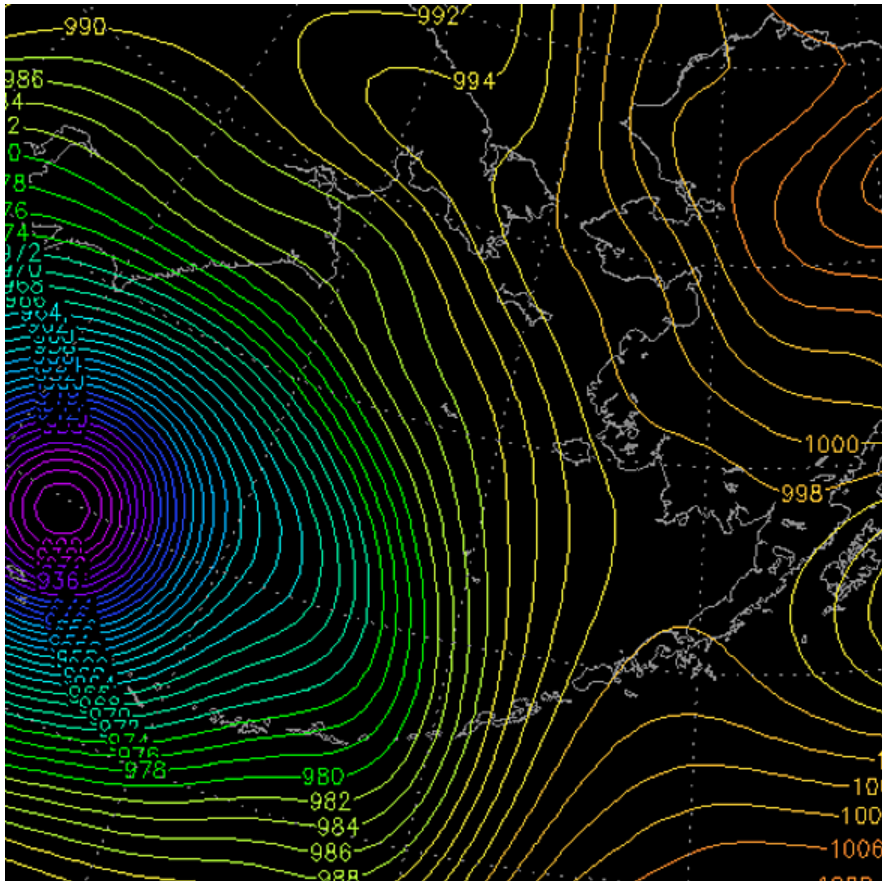
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No, but it might be the most intense storm on Earth this year, and perhaps in recorded history for the Bering Strait and Alaska. The map (from Earth.NullSchool.Net) is showing pressure (color) and wind vectors (lines) for the western Pacific Ocean as of Friday night. See wind colors at the bottom of this blog. Here's a close-up:

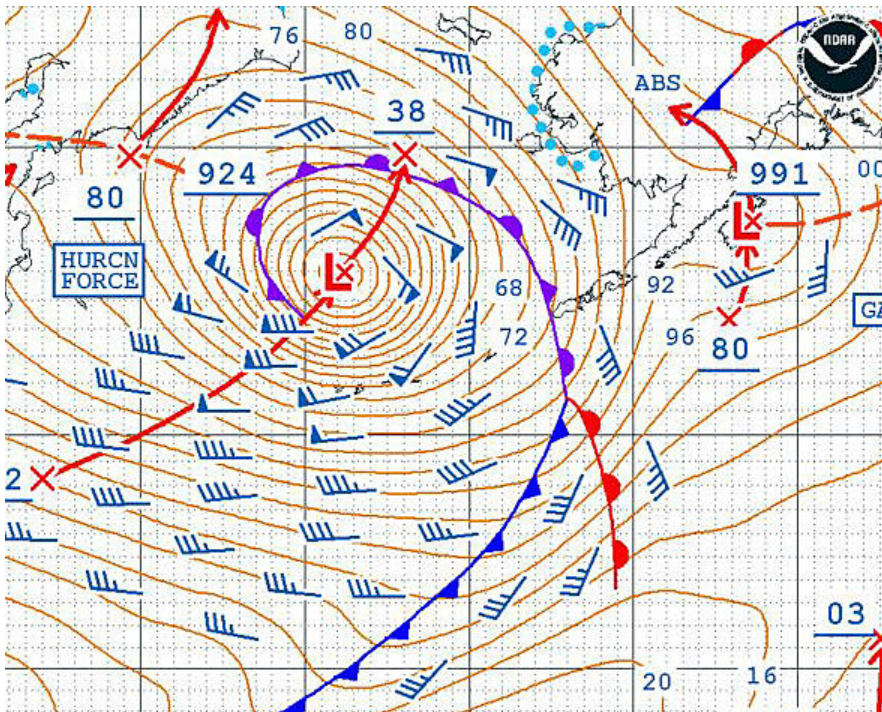


The storm appears to have the eye of a hurricane, though that far north it will be labeled an "extratropical storm." According to our news story, the strongest storm in this part of the world was measured at 925 millibars. The map above and below, from the U.S. GFS model, puts the

central pressure at 926 mb, though some model runs last night dipped as low as 918 mb!



NOAA's Ocean Prediction Center called the storm "Hurricane-Force" and estimated its pressure would be 924 mb at the lowest, as of Tuesday, but in today's update the minimum pressure falls between two maps.



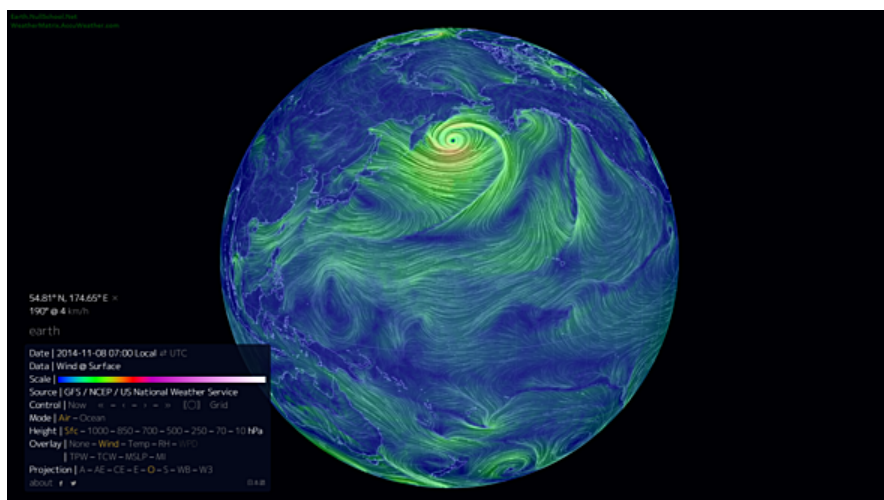
NOAA's Alaska National Weather Service office says "Hurricane force wind and seas of 45 to 50 feet are possible Friday and Saturday. Gusts to 100 mph are not out of the question near Shemya and Attu." That agrees with this morning's WaveWatch model graphic, showing waves over 45 feet (see below). An earlier model predicted over 48 feet!

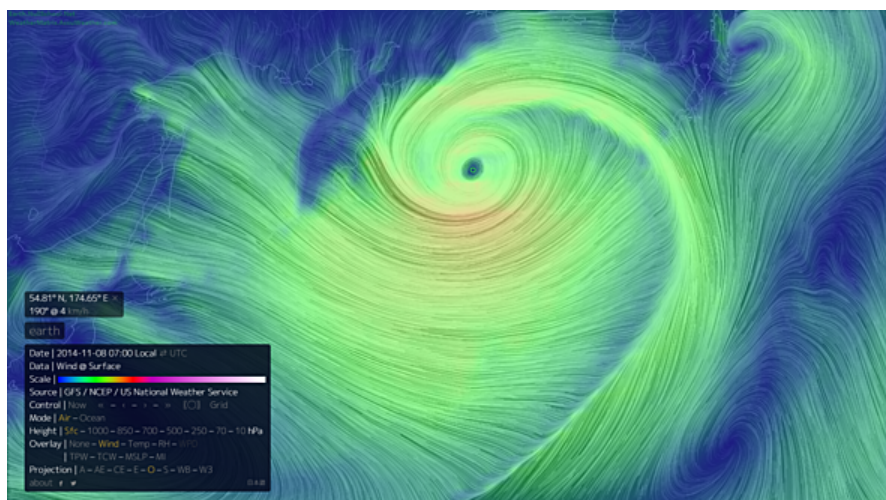


Whether you look at the storm from a [Polar-](#) or [Mercator-projection](#) map of the Earth, it's by far the strongest storm projected to be on Earth tomorrow. In our story "[Rapidly Strengthening Monster Storm May Become Most Intense Ever for Alaska](#)," we say...



"AccuWeather.com meteorologists believe that this system could become one of the most intense storms to move over the Bering Sea. The central pressure of this system is forecast to drop below 930 millibars on Friday night. To put this in perspective, the lowest pressure recorded in Hurricane Sandy was 940 millibars. If the pressure of this storm does drop this low, it will be in contention for becoming one of the most powerful storms to ever develop over the Bering Sea in recorded history in terms of central pressure. The current record stands at 925 millibars from a powerful storm that moved over the Bering Sea on Oct. 25, 1977."





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V.J. Wright · Selawik High School

Wow...I live in Sterling, Alaska, going to get my 20 gallon water ready, got a generator for heat, just in case the electric goes out...wished I had a woodstove though...see what happens...Lord protect all the fisherman out there and let them head to home to be safe, Amen...

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Jeff Ritchie · ITT Technical Institute

It should be state law that everyone in Alaska own a wood burning stove.

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Joe Connolly · Editor in Chief at Chugach Peaks Photography

I live in Anchorage - if you read the NWS report you'll note that this isn't going to affect southcentral, but not a bad idea to have those items handy for the rest of the winter..

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Jan Flora

Jeff Ritchie You must be new here. Welcome to Alaska. We do what's best for each of our families. You can do that, too.

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Melissa Snell · Top Commenter · University of Alaska Anchorage

right in the middle of king crab season- be safe out there guys....

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Lili Grapendaal · Works at Self-Employed

No one should be out there fishing anything.

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Eddie Chapman · Top Commenter · Temple Terrace, Florida

Got to

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Kristina Franklin · Partner at GOAT Life

The smart crabbers will hunker down and wait out the storm. The ones going crazy for lime light will risk the lives of their crew.

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[View 3 more](#)**Curtis Johnson** · Chugiak High School

No biggie for Alaskans, we're tough and deal with extremes all the time! Notice how we don't even bother naming them!

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**Lindsey Smith Kimball**

"Nuri" sorry your just as lame as the rest of us in that department!!

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**Rose Anna**

Alot of the extreme weather that does happen here in Alaska doesn't even make the news, because it's "normal".

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**Evan McCabe** · Top Commenter · Systems Administrator at Bassett Army Community Hospital

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[View 2 more](#)**Collin Schroeder** · Top Commenter · University of Alaska Anchorage

Iets hope it can dump a few feet of snow in southcentral AK, I want to go boarding!

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**Phillip Kopanuk** · Weatherization Technician at AVCP

My Family lives in Hooper Bay. Although hurricane force winds wouldn't be new for a village that experiences tons of heavy blizzards a year I am worried that its going to flood and damage the village because of its close proximity to the ocean and the relatively flat land around it can be a problem if it gets big enough.

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**Nancy Kennedy** · Top Commenter · Teacher at Keeping my Sanity

Don't "like " that its dangerous but "like " your insight.

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**Travis McCrea** · Top Commenter · Owner-Operator at TUEBL · 106 followers

I used to live in Chevak!

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**Dan McDonald** · Works at CIRI Alaska Tourism

Your caption is a little misleading. Yes, this may be the largest storm in the world CURRENTLY and may set a record for the Bering sea. The deepest low's recorded have been category 5 hurricanes around 870 mb. Nevertheless, an incredible weather event.

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**WeatherMatrix**

You got it. I only have about 50 characters available in the headline :(

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**Glorianna-Damian Taylor** · Works at The Rovers Encampment

Make sure you have food, heat, light, and keep your cellphones charged above half.

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**Tim van Buren** · Top Commenter · Merritt Island, Florida

and remember... it's "breathe in, breathe out"... and when you're walking, it's just foot, foot, foot, foot..... one right after the other...

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**Karen Ripoché** · Lycée professionnel Notre Dame de Rezé

Be prepared Alaska

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**Mia Lorraine Babbitt**

I find it almost hilarious how many people are talking about evacuating who aren't even NEAR where this storm is supposed to be. By all means, be prepared, be smart, bit don't spread fear. Damn.

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**V.j. Wright** · Selawik High School

Kodiak Island and the Aleution Islands will be mostly affected, Coast Guard will be ready for it...

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Fonda Reynolds · Works at SHOP.COM

So what. That's their choice of

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Robert Brady · Top Commenter · Freelancer at Fox News

Alaskans all I can say is if you can evacuate to do so now. I live in Texas on The Gulf Coast and take it from a veteran this is not going to be fun whatsoever.

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Jan Flora

Evacuate to where? The area that the storm will hit hardest is sparsely populated by people who have been dealing with extremely snotty weather for 10,000 years.

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Brianna M Lesemann

Take it from a vet of Texas gulf coast winds??!! BUHAHAHAHA oh my gosh have you EVER BEEN IN ALASKA DURING WINTER??? What ever other state freaks out about we deal with and don't call a national emergency... We have a month dedicated to just winds.... Please don't mistake a ALASKA STORM For something texAs couldn't handle...

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Jason Marsden · Master Cook, deck hand at Commercial fishing

Wow! Mild breeze. Nice one coming tomorrow though. Watch out fir roofing people, its going to get interesting!

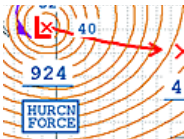
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November 8, 2014; 10:03 AM ET

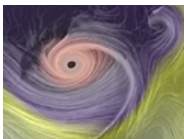
Ladies and gentlemen... we have a record-breaker. The most powerful storm in recorded North Pacific history has hit the Alaskan islands.



Flooding in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

November 7, 2014; 3:46 PM ET

The Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico have been plagued with rain this week, and it's not slowing down until later this weekend.



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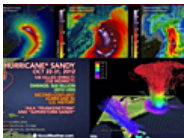
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Record Early South Carolina Snow; Tennessee Gets 16 Inches!

November 1, 2014; 10:37 AM ET

Columbia, South Carolina, sets their record for the earliest snowfall, 16 inches of snow falls in Tennessee and social media lights up with chatter about the event.



This October in History: Hurricane Sandy Hits PA

October 31, 2014; 2:03 PM ET

It's been two years since the unique SuperStorm Sandy crashed into the Northeast U.S. coast.



This Oct. in History: Earliest Central PA Snow Storm

October 24, 2014; 3:48 PM ET

Today, I remember the earliest fall snowfall in central Pennsylvania history, which occurred 5 years ago, mid-month.

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